

Public Library

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All City Libraries Designated as Cool Zones

County Program Created Out of Concern for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

SAN DIEGO – All City of San Diego Public Library locations, along with dozens of other sites throughout the region, are designated Cool Zones, places the public can go to beat the heat.

Each summer the County's Aging & Independence Services designates Cool Zones, settings where seniors and others can gather to escape mid-day summer heat and reduce air conditioning use, conserving energy in the process. Although not all City libraries have air conditioning, they are all comfortable respites from the heat.

"A library can be an oasis when summer temperatures rise," said City Library Director Anna Tatár. "We are very pleased to provide this important service."

The San Diego Public Library has 35 locations throughout City. Libraries and hours of operation are available on the City's Web site at www.sandiego.gov/public-library.

The program was created out of concern for seniors and persons with disabilities who have health problems that could be complicated by the effects of heat. For information about the program or to find the site nearest you, call the County's Aging & Independence Services at 1-800-510-2020.

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